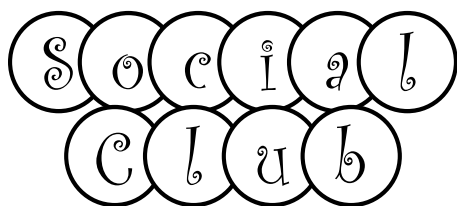




Special Needs

- Most of the programs in this Leisure Guide are available for people of all abilities. Specialized adapted programs, however, are found throughout this guide with the symbol found to your right and "Adaptive" in the title.
- "Programs on Demand" - if you have the participants and need an instructor, location or program idea, call us at 250-756-5217.
- People with special needs are encouraged to register in community programs and activities. In most cases, aides participate at no charge. If you require one-on-one support, your caregiver must attend these classes with you.
- If you or someone you know has a special need, contact our Special Needs Coordinator at 250-756-5217 to help facilitate inclusion into our programs.
- Call us if you are interested in volunteering your time to assist a special needs person take part in an activity.



Join us this new session to meet new friends and plan activities. Bring your caregivers.

First meeting is
Thu, Sep 10, 1-3 pm
Beban Social Centre

Contact Michele at
250-756-5217 for more
information.



LEAP

Leisure Economic Access Policy

A LEAP card entitles you and qualified family members to a 50 percent course fee discount to a maximum of \$40 for 4 courses per year! (Some programs may not qualify for the discount). In addition, all participants will be issued a Swim/Skate/Gym Pass for 50 FREE admissions throughout the year.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

The LEAP card is available to City of Nanaimo residents and those living in Electoral A, C, and D who meet certain criteria.

- Electoral A - Cranberry, Cedar, South Wellington
- Electoral B - Gabriola
- Electoral C - Extension, East Wellington
- Lantzville, Snuneymuxw

Applicants qualify for LEAP in the following ways:

- **REFERRAL** - Any person who has been referred by a recognized social service agency. The referring agency will certify that the applicant meets the limited income criteria and will stamp/sign the completed application form.
- **PROOF OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** - Any person who can show proof of income assistance (BC Benefits Claim Form, Ministry Transit Pass or BC Senior's Supplement).
- **OTHERS IN NEED** - Any person on a limited income who cannot afford to participate in recreation programs or services. Proof of income is required.

HOW DO I GET A LEAP CARD?

Pick up a LEAP application at your local Social Service office or at Beban Park, Bowen Park, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Oliver Woods Community Centre or Nanaimo Ice Centre. Fill out the application form and return to Beban Park, along with identification for each applicant (picture ID with current address on it and current BC Care Card for each applying and qualifying family member).

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE?

The following gross incomes are a guide for those who may be eligible for LEAP.

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS ANNUAL
1 person	\$18,976
2 persons	\$23,623
3 persons	\$29,041
4 persons	\$35,261
5 persons	\$39,992
6 persons	\$45,105
7 persons	\$50,218

Further increments of \$3,000 per additional family member. Total gross household income, including that of the supporting individual will be considered for those living independently (students for example).



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